

AGREEMENT

BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTS AND TELECOMMUNICATION
OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA HEREIN CALLED MOT
AND THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA HEREIN CALLED DOT, CONCERNING RESEARCH
COOPERATION IN "SKID RESISTANCE AND VEHICLE/ROAD
INTERACTION PROBLEMS".

Whereas the Ministry of Transports and Telecommunication of
the Socialist Republic of Romania (MOT) and the Department of
Transportation of the United States (DOT) are already cooperating
in the field of transportation research under the Memorandum of
Understanding of November 1, 1971.

Considering that MOT and DOT representatives have been exploring
the possibilities for complementary research in connection with skid
resistance and vehicle/road interaction problems.

Now, therefore, the MOT and DOT hereby record in this arrangement
under the mentioned Memorandum of Understanding their agreement on a
program for such research as follows:

1. Information exchange

During 1976 and 1977, information will be exchanged on the
following subjects:

a. Methods and equipment for the study and checking of

skid resistance characteristics of pavement and road surfaces;

b. Technology and techniques for attaining higher skid resistance for pavements and road surfaces and for vehicles;

c. Methods and equipment for the study of vehicle/road interaction problems, including the problems of aquaplaning.

The exchange of information provided for herein will be accomplished as materials become available.

It will also include the exchange of delegations at such times as are mutually agreed.

The exchange of information concerning research performed in progress or planned will commence within three months of the date hereof. Each document, article, or other publication exchanged will be accompanied by a precis of its substance. To the extent possible, supplementary details concerning the materials exchanged shall be furnished to the receiving side upon request. The progress of the exchange of information will be monitored by the Program Coordinators designated under the Memorandum of Understanding, who will ensure that their respective cooperating agencies effect a prompt exchange of relevant materials.

2. Cooperative research

Before the end of 1977, the Program Coordinators shall convene a meeting of MOT and DOT specialists, in Bucharest or

Washington as may be agreed by the Coordinators, to review the exchange of information and to agree upon the next steps in the cooperative effort which shall have as its objective the improvement of the skid resistance of pavements, road surfaces, and vehicles. At that time, consideration will be given to the following cooperative possibilities, among others: exchange of skid resistance measuring equipment for testing purposes and the joint development of improved measuring methods and equipment and pavement and road surfaces. Any follow-on activity shall be the subject of a work statement which, after negotiation and agreement by the parties, shall become an integral part of this agreement.

3. General Provisions

The cooperating agency for DOT will be the Federal Highway Administration. The cooperating agency for MOT will be The Institute for Research and Technological Design in Transports. The activities provided for in this agreement are subject to the necessary internal approval on each side and to the availability of funds therefor.

The parties may, by mutual agreement, alter the work schedule provided herein.


The parties may also agree to the exchange of specialists for the joint study of problems related to the subject of this agreement.

Each party will make the best possible effort to assure visiting specialists of the other access to laboratories, plants, and other facilities engaged in activities related to the subject of this agreement.

Done at Washington, D. C., this seventh day of June, 1976, in the English and Romanian languages, both texts being equally authentic.



For The Department of Transportation
of the United States of America



For The Ministry of Transports
and Telecommunication of the
Socialist Republic of Romania